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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2020 PhD in philosophy, Vilnius University.
- 2014 MA in philosophy, Vilnius University. *Magna cum laude*.
- 2012 BA in philosophy, Vilnius University.

EMPLOYMENT

- 2026– Senior Research Scientist. Chapman University.
- 2024– Associate Professor. Vilnius University.
2026
- 2021– Researcher / Visiting Lecturer (part-time). Kaunas University of Technology.
2025
- 2022– Postdoctoral Fellow / Visiting Affiliated Scholar. Chapman University.
2024
- 2018– Teaching Assistant / Research Assistant (part-time). Vilnius University.
2022

ACADEMIC VISITS

- 2023 Visiting Researcher. University of Edinburgh. October–November.
- 2021 Summer school participant. Speaking, Thinking, and Doing: Inner Speech and Its Connection to Thought. University of Tübingen. Online. 28–30 July.
- 2019 Fall school participant. [Recent Developments in Situated Cognition: Empirical and Philosophical Approaches](#). Ruhr University Bochum. 23–26 September.
- 2018 Visiting Researcher. University of Edinburgh. October–December.
Trainee / Intern. PSL University (Jean Nicod Institute). February–July.

PUBLICATIONS

Preprints

Morales, M., Dominik, T., Gao, V., Shirey, K., **Rimkevičius, P.**, Schurger, A., & Maoz, A. Reasoning-Token Spikes Under Prompted Untruthful Responding in Large Language Models. arXiv

Oliver, A., **Rimkevičius, P.**, Cardoso, R., Brass, M., & Maoz, U. Willpower or Choice? A Within-Country, Cross-Linguistic Comparison of Free Will Judgments. PsyArXiv

Pech, G., Nicolay, E., **Rimkevičius, P.**, & Cleeremans, A. The Role of Endogenous Input in Self-Generated Action: A Multi-Measurement Study Comparing Markers of Volition. PsyArXiv

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2025 **Rimkevičius, P.**, Vierkant, T., & Schurger, A. The Experience of Deciding: An Electroencephalography Study. *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*. 1–20.
- 2024 Berniūnas, R., **Rimkevičius, P.**, Beinorius, A., Dranseika, V., & Silius, V., Being Prosocial and Happy, and Believing in Life-Determining Forces Across Cultures. *Journal of Cultural Cognitive Science*, 8: 31–45.
- 2023 Berniūnas, R., Beinorius, A., Dranseika, V., Silius, V., **Rimkevičius, P.**, Bound to Share or Not to Care. The Force of Fate, Gods, Luck, Chance and Choice Across Cultures. *Journal of Cognition and Culture*, 23: 451–475.
- 2021 **Rimkevičius, P.**, Mental Imagery and the Illusion of Conscious Will. *Synthese* 199: 4581–4600.
- Berniūnas, R., Beinorius, A., Dranseika, V., Silius, V., **Rimkevičius, P.**, The Weirdness of Belief in Free Will. *Consciousness and Cognition* 87: 103054.
- 2020 **Rimkevičius, P.**, The Interpretive-Sensory Access Theory of Self-Knowledge: Empirical Support and Scientific Fruitfulness. *Problemos* 97: 150–163.
- 2019 **Rimkevičius, P.**, The Interpretive-Sensory Access Theory of Self-Knowledge: Simplicity and Coherence with Surrounding Theories. *Problemos* 96: 148–159.
- 2016 **Rimkevičius, P.**, Psychologism, Relativism, and Self-Refutation in Husserl’s Prolegomena. *Problemos* 89: 153–166.
- 2014 **Rimkevičius, P.**, Gutauskas, M., The Question of the Compatibility of Phenomenology and Naturalism in Shaun Gallagher’s Philosophy. *Problemos* 86: 120–126.

Other Publications

- 2026 **Rimkevičius, P.** On Moral Responsibility, Free Will and Intentional Agency in AI Systems. Extended abstract. In *Varieties of Free Will and Agency*, edited by Joel Parthemore.

- 2023 **Rimkevičius, P.**, Freedom of a Tinker: Comments on Tillmann Vierkant's The Tinkering Mind. *The Brains Blog*.
- 2022 Beinorius, A., Berniūnas, R., Dranseika, V., **Rimkevičius, P.**, Silius, V., Veisaitė, A., eds. Beyond Free Will: Variety in Understanding of Choice, Luck, and Necessity. June 20–23. Abstracts. Vilnius: Vilnius University Proceedings.
- 2017 **Rimkevičius, P.**, Understanding Social Cognition – Trends in Interdisciplinary Research – Third Avant Conference. *Central European Cognitive Science Association Newsletter* Autumn 2017: 3.
- 2015 **Rimkevičius, P.**, A Scientific Conference to Mark Evaldas Nekrašas' 70th Anniversary. *Universitas Vilnensis* 4 (1730): 4.

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2025 Grant for funding and supervising a graduate student's two-month summer research practice. Research Council of Lithuania.
- Early-career competition award. *Intentions and AI workshop*. Estes Fund.
- 2022 Neurophilosophy of Free Will postdoctoral fellowship. John Templeton Foundation and Fetzer Institute.
- 2020 Second prize in the Essay Competition for Central and Eastern European Perspectives on Science, Theology, and Philosophy. University of Oxford.
- 2019 Poster competition award. *2nd International Conference on Neuroscience and Free Will*. John Templeton Foundation and Fetzer Institute.
- 2018 Erasmus+ intern scholarship. European Commission.
- 2017 Best Article by a Young Scholar award. Lithuanian Philosophical Association.
- 2015 Doctoral Student Academic Achievement Scholarship. Research Council of Lithuania.

PRESENTATIONS

Off Campus

- 2026 "Do AI Systems Have Desires?" MADLAB meeting. Duke University. Durham, NC, UAS. August 20.
- "On Moral Responsibility, Free Will, and Intentional Agency in Artificial Intelligence Systems." *Annual meeting of the UK Society for the Study of Artificial Intelligence and the Simulation of Behaviour*. University of Sussex. Brighton, UK. July 1.
- "Artificial Intelligence and the Double Life of 'Decision.'" *AI and Decision-Making: Tools, Hybrids, and Collectives workshop*. Aachen University. Aachen, Germany. June 13.
- 2025 "The Experience of Deciding: An EEG Study." Chapman University. Online. October 6.

- “Alignement, Control, and Predictability.” *Agency, Intentions, and Artificial Intelligence workshop*. Chapman University. Orange, USA. June 2.
- “What Should Our Concept of Intention Be?” Annual Conference of the Lithuanian Philosophical Association. Klaipėda University. Klaipėda, Lithuania. May 10.
- 2024 “On the Different Senses of ‘Consciousness’ and Their Relevance for Morality.” *XXV World Congress of Philosophy*. Sapienza University of Rome. Rome, Italy. August 5.
- “Reengineering the Concept of Decision for the Neuroscience of Volition.” *27th Annual Meeting of the Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness*. University of Tokyo. Tokyo, Japan. July 5.
- “The Meaning of ‘Free Will’ and ‘Libre Arbitre’: Choice, Doing What One Wants, and Absence of Constraints.” *4th European Experimental Philosophy Conference*. Jagiellonian University. Kraków, Poland. June 1.
- 2023 “The Experience of Deciding and Its Neural Correlates.” *Meeting of the Philosophy, Psychology, and Informatics Group*. University of Edinburgh. Edinburgh, UK. October 18.
- “Freedom of a Tinker: Comments on Till Vierkant’s *The Tinkering Mind*.” A Symposium on Tillmann Vierkant’s *The Tinkering Mind*. NOVA University Lisbon. Lisbon, Portugal. July 15.
- “Do We Have a Default Belief in Free Will?” *4th Annual Meeting of the Neurophilosophy of Free Will Consortium*. Sigtuna Foundation. Sigtuna, Sweden. June 29.
- “Introspection, Imagination, and Volition.” *4th Annual Meeting of the Neurophilosophy of Free Will Consortium*. Sigtuna Foundation. Sigtuna, Sweden. June 28.
- “Mental Imagery and the Experience of Volition.” *Annual Conference of the Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness*. New York University. New York, USA. June 23.
- 2022 “The Role of Mental Imagery in the Experience of Volition.” *Annual Conference of the Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness*. University of Amsterdam. Amsterdam, the Netherlands. July 13.
- “In Search of Inner Human Freedom: Perspectives from Philosophy, Theology, Neurobiology, and Psychology” (moderator and panelist). Annual Conference of the Lithuanian Psychological Association. Vytautas Magnus University. Kaunas, Lithuania. April 30.
- 2021 “Metacognition in Meditative Cases.” *Annual Conference of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology*. University of Leipzig. Online. August 30.
- “Inner Speech and Decisions.” *Speaking, Thinking, and Doing: Inner Speech and Its Connection to Thought summer school*. University of Tübingen. Online. July 29.

- “Metacognition of Philosophical Concepts.” *Metacognition: New Developments and Challenges conference*. University of London. Online. June 24.
- “Varieties of Consciousness and Their Moral Significance.” Annual Conference of the Lithuanian Philosophical Association. Online. May 14.
- 2019 “Mental Imagery and the Illusion of Conscious Will.” *Exploring the Mind’s Eye: An Interdisciplinary Conference on Imagination*. Bilkent University. Ankara, Turkey. October 25.
- “Embedded Self-Control.” *Recent Developments in Situated Cognition: Empirical and Philosophical Investigations summer school*. Ruhr University Bochum. Bochum, Germany. September 23.
- “Whose Intuition? Issues with Free Will Belief Study Samples.” *Free Will and Methodology conference*. KU Leuven. Leuven, Belgium. June 7.
- “Interpretive-Sensory Access to One’s Will.” *2nd International Conference on Neuroscience and Free Will*. Chapman University. Irvine, USA. March 17.
- 2018 “Does Deliberation Provide Privileged Access to One’s Beliefs?” *Models of the Mind workshop*. University of Edinburgh. UK. April 19.
- 2017 “Does Deliberation Reveal One’s Beliefs?” *Understanding Social Cognition – Trends in Interdisciplinary Research – Third Avant Conference*. Maria Curie-Skłodowska University. Lublin, Poland. October 22.
- “Self-Accountability and Self-Knowledge.” *Self-Control through Accountability to Others workshop*. University of St. Andrews. St. Andrews, UK. May 9.
- “Psychologism, Relativism, and Self-Refutation in Husserl’s *Prolegomena*.” Annual Conference of the Lithuanian Philosophical Association. Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences. Vilnius, Lithuania. May 5.

On Campus

- 2024 “The Experience of Deciding: An EEG Study.” Vilnius University. September 5.
- 2023 “Wrapping Up the Experience of Volition Project, and Future Directions.” Chapman University. November 13.
- “Experience of Volition: Project Update.” Chapman University. May 15.
- “Experience of Volition: Project Introduction.” Chapman University, February 20.
- “What is a Philosophical Belief? The Case of Belief in Free Will.” Chapman University. February 2.
- 2022 “On the Nature of Philosophical Beliefs.” *Beyond Free Will: Variety in Understanding of Choice, Luck, and Necessity conference*. Vilnius University. June 20.
- 2019 “Whose Intuition? Why It Matters Whom You Ask About Free Will.” Vilnius University. April 29.

- “The Illusion of Conscious Will: An Interpretive-Sensory Access Account.” Vilnius University. March 6.
- 2017 “Carruthers on Confabulation.” Vilnius University. June 6.
- 2016 “Two Ontological Problems in Husserl’s Theory of Judgement.” Vilnius University. June 14.
- 2016 “What Does ‘Thinking Consciously’ Mean?” Vilnius University. April 11.
- 2012 “Paul Ricoeur’s Theory of Metaphor.” Vilnius University. April 20.

CONFERENCES ORGANISED

- 2026 Logic and Philosophy: Historical and Contemporary Issues (3rd edition). Co-organised with Jonas Dagys et al. Vilnius University. May 22–23.
- 2025 The Normative Dimension. Co-organised with Mindaugas Gilaitis et al. Vilnius University. June 19–20.
- 2022 Beyond Free Will: Variety in Understanding of Choice, Luck, and Necessity. Co-organised with A. Beinorius et al. Vilnius University. June 20–23.
- 2017 Space and Time: An Interdisciplinary Approach. Co-organised with J. Čiurlionis et al. Vilnius University. September 29–30.
- 2015 Philosophy, Science, Politics: A Conference to Mark Evaldas Nekrašas’ 70th Anniversary. Co-organised with A. Mickevičius et al. Vilnius University. May 29.
- 2014 The Moral Domain: Conceptual Issues in Moral Psychology. Co-organised with V. Dranseika et al. Vilnius University. October 9–11.

TEACHING

Courses taught

Contemporary Philosophy of Free Will. Instructor of record. Postgraduate.

Contemporary Philosophy of Mind. Instructor of record. Postgraduate.

Development of Cognitive Science. Instructor of record. Postgraduate.

Research Methods in Cognitive Science. Instructor of record. Postgraduate.

Epistemology. Instructor of record. Undergraduate.

Experimental Philosophy. Instructor of record. Undergraduate.

Logic. Instructor of record. Undergraduate.

Media Philosophy. Instructor of record. Undergraduate.

Philosophy. Instructor of record. Undergraduate.

History and Philosophy of Science. Teaching assistant. Undergraduate.

Students Supervised

Supervised: 1 BA thesis, 4 MA theses, 1 MA summer practice, 3 RAs.

Co-supervised: 4 MA theses, 1 BA thesis.

EXTRA TRAINING

- 2026 *AI Tools for Scientific Literature Search*. Vilnius University.
- 2023 *Entering Mentoring*. Center for the Improvement of Mentored Experiences in Research (CIMER).
- Research ethics (*Biomedical Research, Social & Behavioral Research*). The Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program).
- 2022 EEG and EMG (BioSemi, BrainProducts). Chapman University.
- MATLAB (PsychToolbox, FieldTrip). Chapman University.
- 2021 *Sexual Harassment Identification and Prevention*. Vilnius University.
- 2017 *Course for New Lecturers*. Vilnius University.

OUTREACH

- 2026 Public lecture. “Free Will and the Empirical Sciences.” Vilnius Adam Mickiewicz Public Library. April 29.
- 2025 Public discussion. “[Prediction Error](#).” Vilnius University Discussion Club (interdisciplinary discussions). Vilnius University. December 4.
- Interview. Radio series “[A Dozen](#)” (interviews with researchers from different disciplines). Lithuanian National Radio. September 26.
- Interview. Doctoral student symposium “What Is Left Out of the Dissertation.” Vilnius University. June 25.
- Public debate. “Does Contemporary Moral Psychology Challenge Traditional Moral Philosophy?” Vilnius University. April 7.
- 2020–2022 Assistance in making a feature-length documentary film, *Managers of Luck*, on agency beliefs among astrologers in West Bengal, directed by Eglė Vertelytė.
- 2021 Public discussion. “You Can’t Run Away from Fate? The Confucian Conception of Ming 命 and Living in the Face of the Inevitable.” Vilnius University. October 27.
- 2016 Public lecture. “Defining and Defending the Indecisive Mind.” [Not Yet Decided: European Architecture Students’ Assembly 2016](#). Nida, Lithuania. July 29.

MEMBERSHIP

- 2026– [International Society for Moral Psychology](#)
- 2022– [Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness](#)

2021– European Society for Philosophy and Psychology

2017– Lithuanian Philosophical Association

REVIEWING

Acta Psychologica, Behavioral Sciences, Consciousness and Cognition, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology, Problemos, Research Council of Lithuania, Oxford University Press, Routledge.

LANGUAGES

	General	Reading	Speaking	Writing
Lithuanian	Native	Native	Native	Native
English	C2	C2	C2	C2
French	B2	C1	B2	B2
German	B1	B2	B1	B1
Latin	A1	A2	A1	A1
Ancient Greek	A1	A2	A1	A1

REFEREES

Renatas Berniūnas, Aarhus University.

Jérôme Dokic, PSL University.

Vilius Dranseika, Jagiellonian University.

Aaron Schurger, Chapman University.

Uri Maoz, Chapman University, UCLA, Caltech.

Tillmann Vierkant, University of Edinburgh.